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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

Note: Corrections made to Kansas City data on March 24, 2014.

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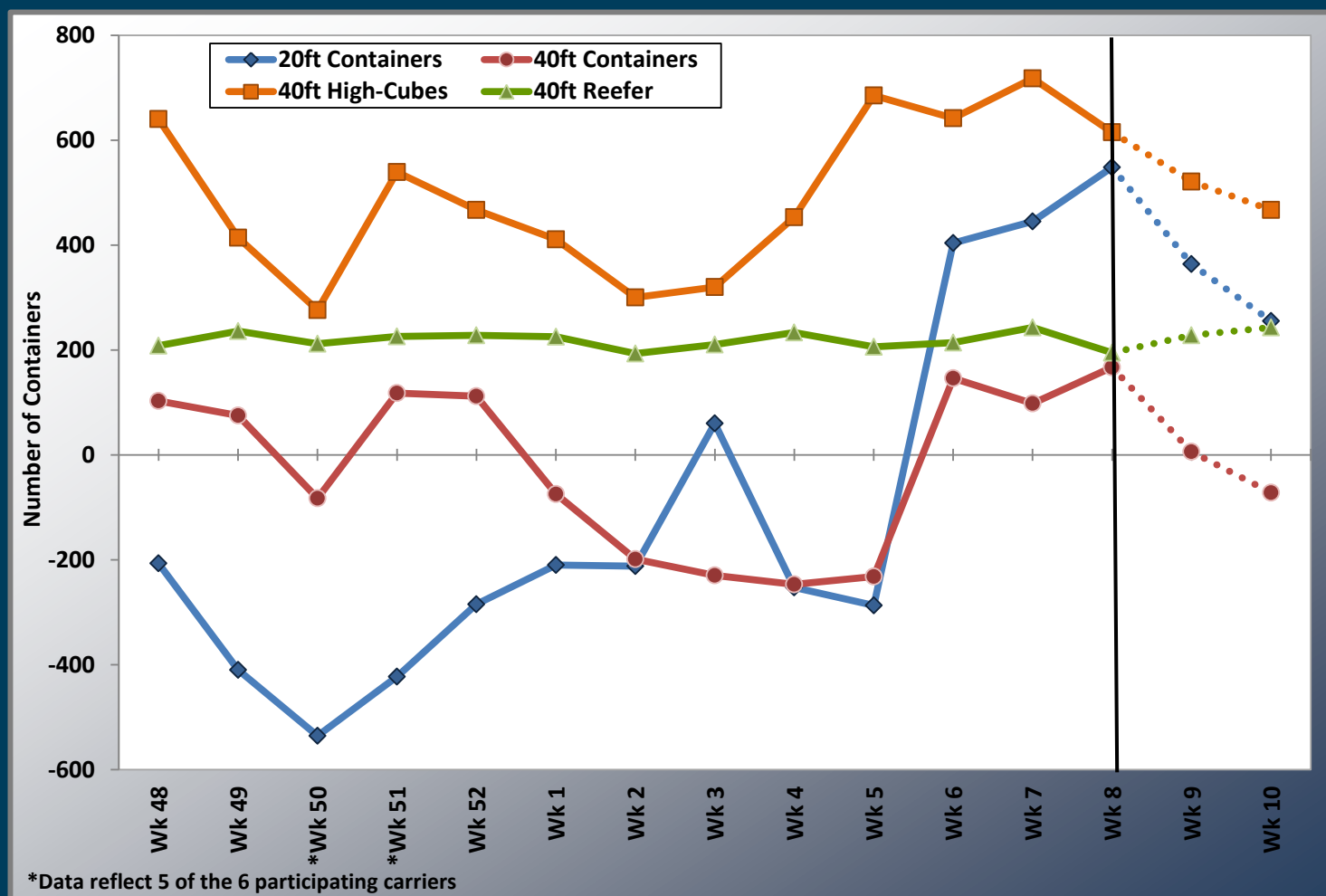
Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of Houston

The Port of Houston is the busiest container port in the U.S. Gulf region, moving approximately 70 percent of the container traffic through the Gulf. The Port consistently places among the top 10 U.S. ports for agricultural exports of both containerized and bulk cargoes. See the [Profiles of Top U.S. Agricultural Ports](#) for more detail on agricultural trade through Houston and other top ports. Between January and March 2013, the Port of Houston moved more than 282 thousand metric tons of containerized agricultural exports. The top five containerized agricultural exports were grocery items (18 percent), meat products (15 percent), poultry products (12 percent), nuts (8 percent), and rice (7 percent).¹ Approximately 58 percent of containerized agricultural exports moved in 40ft containers; 35 percent moved in 20ft containers. Because refrigerated exports of meat and poultry products are among the top containerized agricultural exports through Houston, data for 40ft refrigerated containers is included in the historical graphic below.

Container availability estimates for each of the dry container types (20ft, 40ft, and 40ft high-cube containers) in Houston have generally followed a similar pattern since mid-November. The availability of 40ft high-cube containers have remained well above 0, averaging near 500 units over the past 3 months, while 20ft and 40ft containers have averaged below 0. However, some significant increases in mid-February brought availability estimates for 20ft and 40ft dry containers well above 0 for the past 2 weeks. Availability estimates for 40ft refrigerated containers remained relatively flat, hovering near 200 units over the past 3 months. Projections for the next 2 weeks are expected to decrease for each of the containers types reported, except 40ft refrigerated containers which are expected to increase slightly.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Houston, 4th week of November, 2013 (Wk 48) through 3rd week of February (Wk 8), 2014, with Projections²



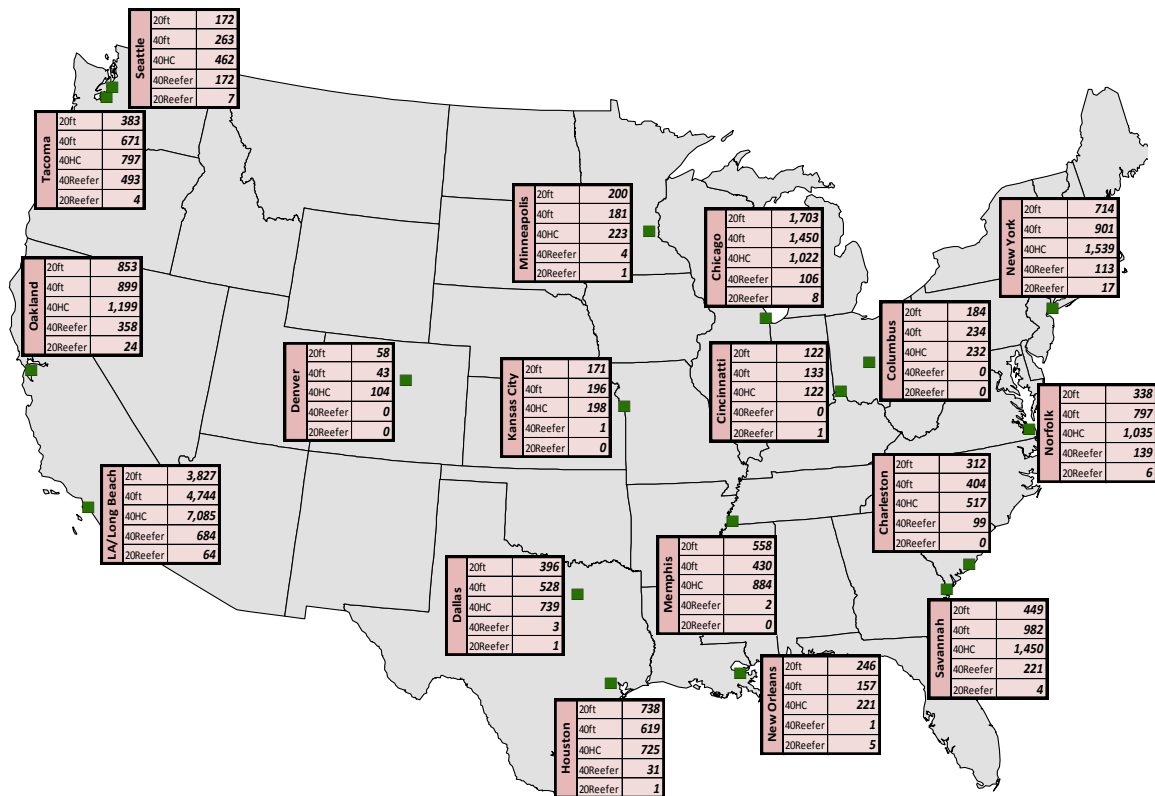
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .
² Below-zero estimates indicate demand for containers is greater than supply.

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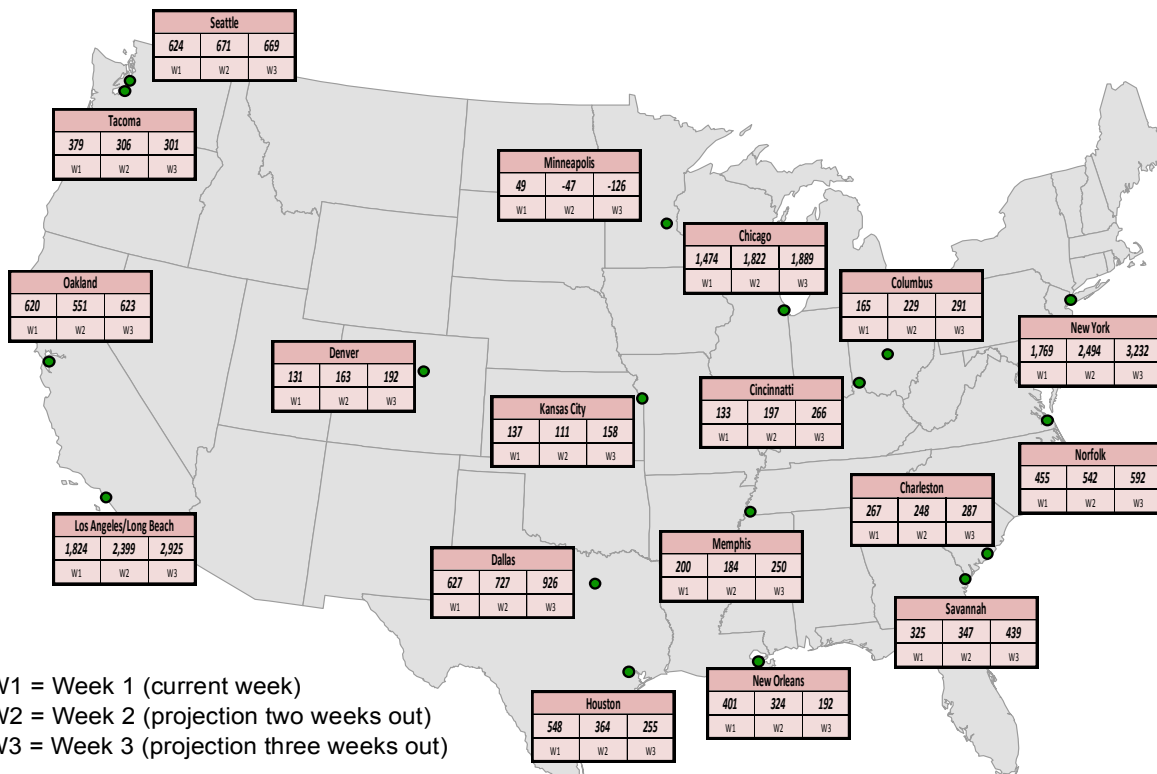
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

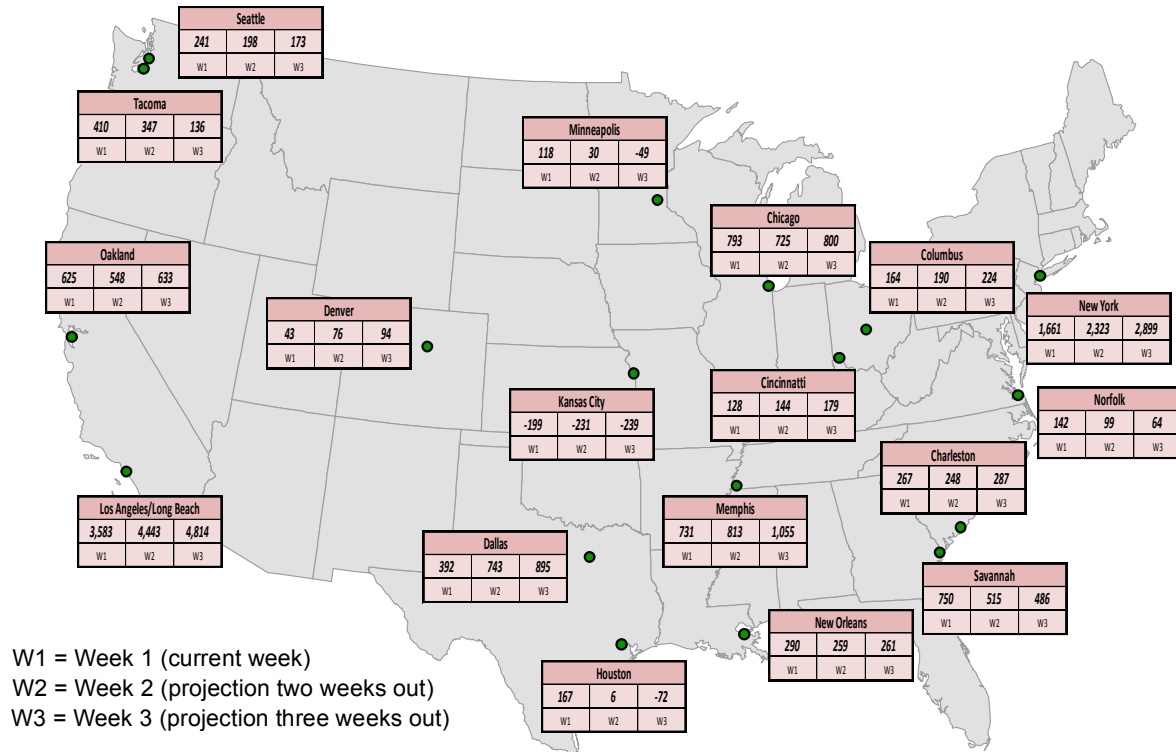


Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

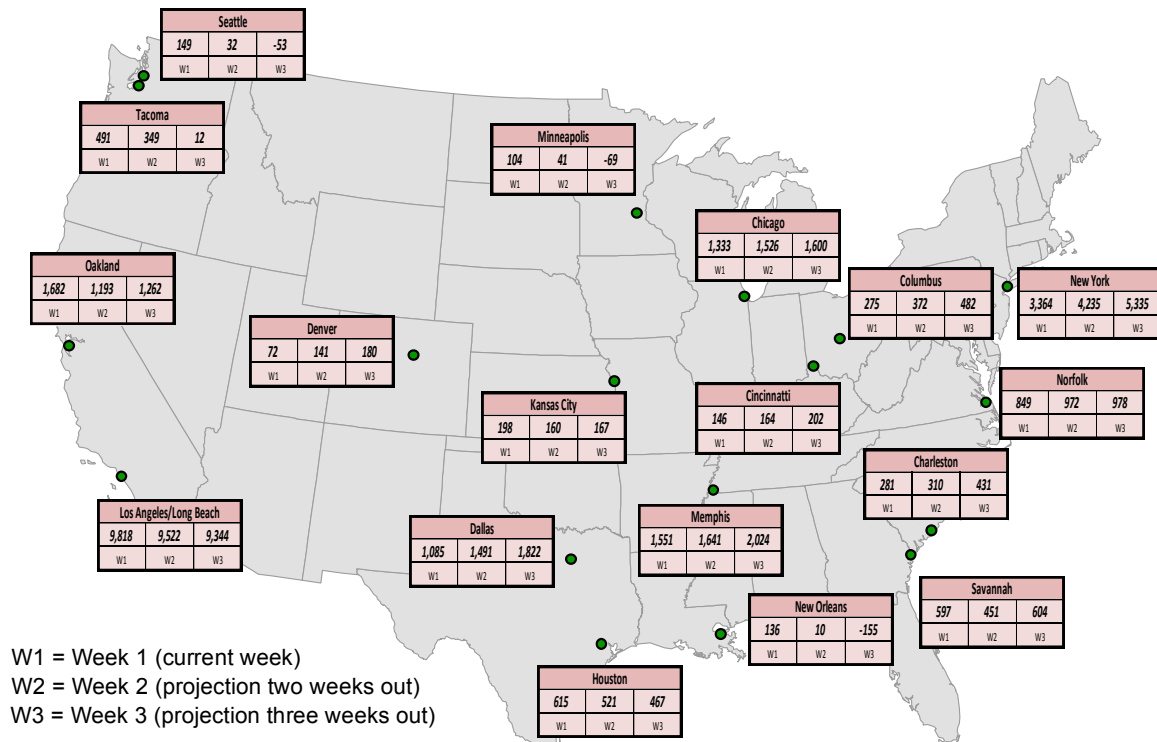




Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

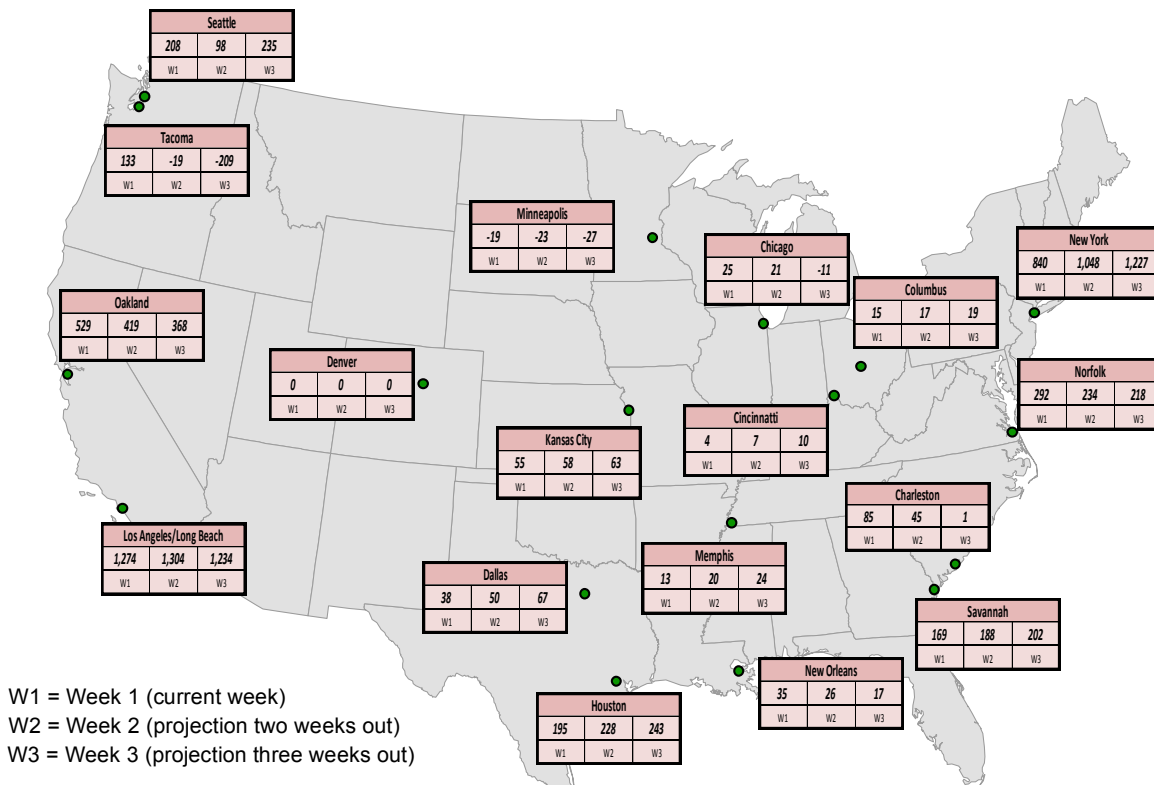


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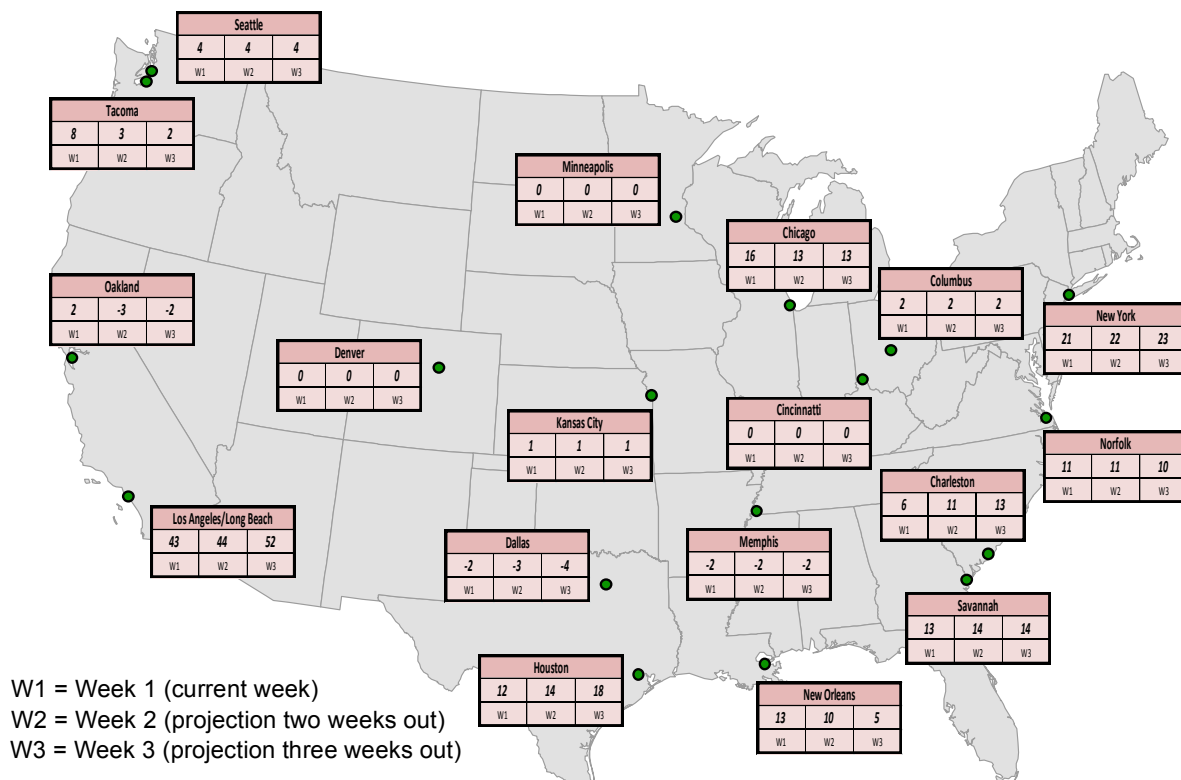
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	92	75	70	21	7	2	.	.	.	.	267
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	116	10	70	30	20	2	.	.	.	.	248
Week 3: Mar 5-11	141	8	70	44	22	2	.	.	.	.	287
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	119	62	44	25	14	2	.	.	.	.	266
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	116	63	60	25	46	2	.	.	.	.	312
Week 3: Mar 5-11	105	50	88	25	66	2	.	.	.	.	336
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	167	41	40	27	5	1	.	.	.	.	281
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	202	24	40	37	6	1	.	.	.	.	310
Week 3: Mar 5-11	258	22	40	89	20	2	.	.	.	.	431
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	97	13	12	5	2	-44	.	.	.	.	85
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	95	14	12	5	2	-83	.	.	.	.	45
Week 3: Mar 5-11	77	15	12	5	1	-109	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	3	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	7	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Mar 5-11	8	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	896	364	127	85	2	0	.	.	.	.	1,474
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,292	344	98	85	3	0	.	.	.	.	1,822
Week 3: Mar 5-11	1,552	303	-51	85	4	-4	.	.	.	.	1,889
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	466	200	149	16	4	-42	.	.	.	.	793
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	453	200	48	13	5	6	.	.	.	.	725
Week 3: Mar 5-11	418	200	86	10	2	84	.	.	.	.	800
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	800	423	327	1	-87	-131	.	.	.	.	1,333
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	800	478	253	4	73	-82	.	.	.	.	1,526
Week 3: Mar 5-11	800	548	161	6	65	20	.	.	.	.	1,600
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	25	4	1	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	30	1	-3	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Mar 5-11	30	-18	1	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	-11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	10	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	7	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Mar 5-11	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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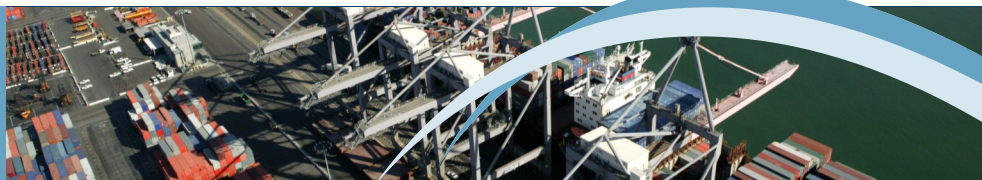


Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	57	56	12	10	3	-5	133
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	71	78	11	10	24	3	.	.	.	.	197
Week 3: Mar 5-11	94	100	10	10	50	2	.	.	.	.	266
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	42	30	26	17	14	-1	.	.	.	.	128
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	52	30	38	10	12	2	.	.	.	.	144
Week 3: Mar 5-11	67	30	55	10	16	1	.	.	.	.	179
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	75	35	21	18	-1	-2	.	.	.	.	146
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	75	49	33	10	2	-5	.	.	.	.	164
Week 3: Mar 5-11	75	63	43	11	1	9	.	.	.	.	202
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Mar 5-11	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	79	67	10	6	5	-2	165
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	109	67	8	6	2	37	.	.	.	.	229
Week 3: Mar 5-11	135	85	12	6	1	52	.	.	.	.	291
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	57	50	37	19	10	-9	.	.	.	.	164
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	71	50	26	31	11	1	.	.	.	.	190
Week 3: Mar 5-11	98	50	20	44	14	-2	.	.	.	.	224
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	117	100	32	30	15	-19	.	.	.	.	275
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	143	150	35	30	15	-1	.	.	.	.	372
Week 3: Mar 5-11	203	187	55	30	10	-3	.	.	.	.	482
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Mar 5-11	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Mar 5-11	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	262	116	112	70	61	6	627
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	398	83	78	70	92	6	.	.	.	.	727
Week 3: Mar 5-11	523	75	83	70	168	7	.	.	.	.	926
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	182	121	50	27	9	3	.	.	.	.	392
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	236	218	50	164	7	68	.	.	.	.	743
Week 3: Mar 5-11	277	306	50	155	8	99	.	.	.	.	895
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	427	194	180	173	102	9	.	.	.	.	1,085
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	504	339	180	239	221	8	.	.	.	.	1,491
Week 3: Mar 5-11	572	479	180	220	367	4	.	.	.	.	1,822
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	47	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	60	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50
Week 3: Mar 5-11	78	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Mar 5-11	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	106	23	4	3	2	-7	131
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	129	30	8	0	2	-6	.	.	.	.	163
Week 3: Mar 5-11	150	37	10	-2	2	-5	.	.	.	.	192
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	13	11	8	7	3	1	.	.	.	.	43
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	15	39	9	9	3	1	.	.	.	.	76
Week 3: Mar 5-11	18	63	3	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	94
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	27	15	11	9	7	3	.	.	.	.	72
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	69	15	14	11	7	25	.	.	.	.	141
Week 3: Mar 5-11	104	15	21	13	7	20	.	.	.	.	180
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 5-11	0	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	500	79	60	38	10	-139	548
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	500	46	-63	12	5	-136	.	.	.	.	364
Week 3: Mar 5-11	500	28	-164	10	4	-123	.	.	.	.	255
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	400	70	2	-29	-43	-233	.	.	.	.	167
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	400	14	2	2	-58	-354	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Mar 5-11	400	31	3	1	-27	-480	.	.	.	.	-72
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	600	96	74	14	5	-174	.	.	.	.	615
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	600	52	145	-5	5	-276	.	.	.	.	521
Week 3: Mar 5-11	600	54	196	-7	2	-378	.	.	.	.	467
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	160	24	9	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	195
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	175	21	30	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	228
Week 3: Mar 5-11	170	18	53	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	243
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	21	0	-9	12
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	23	0	-9	14
Week 3: Mar 5-11	25	0	-7	18

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	68	60	27	0	-7	-11	137
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	22	60	40	2	-2	-11	.	.	.	.	111
Week 3: Mar 5-11	49	60	51	1	7	-10	.	.	.	.	158
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	58	25	-10	-11	-21	-240	.	.	.	.	-199
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	55	29	-38	-11	-26	-240	.	.	.	.	-231
Week 3: Mar 5-11	42	33	-42	-12	-20	-240	.	.	.	.	-239
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	220	32	-1	-5	-14	-34	.	.	.	.	198
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	220	66	-12	-54	-15	-45	.	.	.	.	160
Week 3: Mar 5-11	220	79	-10	-47	-15	-60	.	.	.	.	167
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	33	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	32	26	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	58
Week 3: Mar 5-11	32	31	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Mar 5-11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	800	520	511	129	44	-180	.	.	.	.	1,824
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	800	753	638	308	40	-140	.	.	.	.	2,399
Week 3: Mar 5-11	800	745	813	486	40	41	.	.	.	.	2,925
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	1,223	1,150	853	290	55	12	.	.	.	.	3,583
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,487	1,150	872	727	52	155	.	.	.	.	4,443
Week 3: Mar 5-11	1,538	1,150	851	912	45	318	.	.	.	.	4,814
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	5,550	2,528	1,622	290	52	-224	.	.	.	.	9,818
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	5,550	2,951	1,279	12	52	-322	.	.	.	.	9,522
Week 3: Mar 5-11	5,550	3,080	1,169	-125	50	-380	.	.	.	.	9,344
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	423	290	200	195	91	75	.	.	.	.	1,274
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	385	364	200	158	122	75	.	.	.	.	1,304
Week 3: Mar 5-11	390	333	200	85	151	75	.	.	.	.	1,234
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	18	15	10	43
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	13	21	10	44
Week 3: Mar 5-11	14	28	10	52

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	145	59	14	4	-1	-21	200
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	145	55	20	1	1	-38	.	.	.	.	184
Week 3: Mar 5-11	145	68	29	2	0	6	.	.	.	.	250
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	260	233	228	10	1	-1	.	.	.	.	731
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	260	250	278	2	1	22	.	.	.	.	813
Week 3: Mar 5-11	260	451	308	1	2	33	.	.	.	.	1,055
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	1,100	226	195	17	9	4	.	.	.	.	1,551
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,100	192	260	80	3	6	.	.	.	.	1,641
Week 3: Mar 5-11	1,100	479	307	131	2	5	.	.	.	.	2,024
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	9	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	13	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Mar 5-11	14	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Mar 5-11	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	90	67	46	-6	-8	-140	49
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	90	87	18	-7	-8	-227	.	.	.	.	-47
Week 3: Mar 5-11	90	124	-27	-7	-10	-296	.	.	.	.	-126
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	190	27	-1	-8	-20	-70	.	.	.	.	118
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	190	-4	-2	-8	-15	-131	.	.	.	.	30
Week 3: Mar 5-11	190	-26	-5	-8	-6	-194	.	.	.	.	-49
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	71	26	12	2	1	-8	.	.	.	.	104
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	100	-59	10	-3	1	-8	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: Mar 5-11	76	-138	8	-7	1	-9	.	.	.	.	-69
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	0	-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-19
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-23
Week 3: Mar 5-11	0	-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Mar 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	345	36	11	7	2	0	401
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	290	23	7	5	-1	0	.	.	.	.	324
Week 3: Mar 5-11	180	2	8	4	-2	0	.	.	.	.	192
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	210	52	18	11	0	-1	.	.	.	.	290
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	187	44	17	10	0	1	.	.	.	.	259
Week 3: Mar 5-11	193	41	17	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	261
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	78	23	23	10	2	0	.	.	.	.	136
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	-59	29	27	12	1	0	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Mar 5-11	-216	30	21	9	1	0	.	.	.	.	-155
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	35	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	33	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: Mar 5-11	31	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	7	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Mar 5-11	-1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	600	597	299	170	85	18	.	.	.	.	1,769
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	600	852	481	208	328	25	.	.	.	.	2,494
Week 3: Mar 5-11	600	1,279	635	195	503	20	.	.	.	.	3,232
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	656	545	330	60	50	20	.	.	.	.	1,661
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	873	810	330	265	22	23	.	.	.	.	2,323
Week 3: Mar 5-11	1,037	1,117	330	377	18	20	.	.	.	.	2,899
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	1,428	1,330	370	291	20	-75	.	.	.	.	3,364
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,603	1,330	719	506	33	44	.	.	.	.	4,235
Week 3: Mar 5-11	1,897	1,330	1,102	944	30	32	.	.	.	.	5,335
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	288	200	128	116	98	10	.	.	.	.	840
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	402	200	110	222	104	10	.	.	.	.	1,048
Week 3: Mar 5-11	479	200	167	302	69	10	.	.	.	.	1,227
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	17	5	-1	21
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	18	5	-1	22
Week 3: Mar 5-11	19	5	-1	23

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	168	137	78	60	8	4	455
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	191	143	120	60	9	19	.	.	.	.	542
Week 3: Mar 5-11	177	178	153	60	9	15	.	.	.	.	592
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	116	100	32	6	4	-116	.	.	.	.	142
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	179	100	10	7	-45	-152	.	.	.	.	99
Week 3: Mar 5-11	196	100	-38	10	-38	-166	.	.	.	.	64
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	463	234	170	14	8	-40	.	.	.	.	849
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	445	207	170	243	6	-99	.	.	.	.	972
Week 3: Mar 5-11	399	206	170	306	5	-108	.	.	.	.	978
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	133	82	56	10	7	4	.	.	.	.	292
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	80	120	52	10	-31	3	.	.	.	.	234
Week 3: Mar 5-11	76	110	58	10	-37	1	.	.	.	.	218
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	8	2	1	11
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	7	3	1	11
Week 3: Mar 5-11	6	3	1	10

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	369	190	93	5	-14	-23	620
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	328	190	66	2	3	-38	.	.	.	.	551
Week 3: Mar 5-11	391	190	60	7	43	-68	.	.	.	.	623
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	545	103	100	2	-37	-88	.	.	.	.	625
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	561	39	100	3	-28	-127	.	.	.	.	548
Week 3: Mar 5-11	697	32	100	6	-53	-149	.	.	.	.	633
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	700	641	219	191	9	-78	.	.	.	.	1,682
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	700	124	207	227	7	-72	.	.	.	.	1,193
Week 3: Mar 5-11	700	204	199	234	3	-78	.	.	.	.	1,262
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	442	60	49	30	-8	-44	.	.	.	.	529
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	361	55	16	30	-21	-22	.	.	.	.	419
Week 3: Mar 5-11	389	60	-16	30	-33	-62	.	.	.	.	368
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	10	-1	-7	2
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	10	-4	-9	-3
Week 3: Mar 5-11	10	0	-12	-2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	124	110	109	94	3	-115	325
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	120	110	62	110	3	-58	.	.	.	.	347
Week 3: Mar 5-11	156	110	55	116	3	-1	.	.	.	.	439
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	501	224	130	4	4	-113	.	.	.	.	750
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	472	195	130	2	-53	-231	.	.	.	.	515
Week 3: Mar 5-11	504	253	130	3	-45	-359	.	.	.	.	486
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	765	200	195	24	0	-587	.	.	.	.	597
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	792	200	183	-37	0	-687	.	.	.	.	451
Week 3: Mar 5-11	885	200	214	-32	0	-663	.	.	.	.	604
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	92	80	29	10	-20	-22	.	.	.	.	169
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	70	80	44	10	-35	19	.	.	.	.	188
Week 3: Mar 5-11	88	68	59	10	-37	14	.	.	.	.	202
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	10	2	1	13
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	10	3	1	14
Week 3: Mar 5-11	10	3	1	14

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	535	60	24	5	624
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	554	60	49	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	671
Week 3: Mar 5-11	543	60	57	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	669
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	182	30	27	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	241
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	151	30	12	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	198
Week 3: Mar 5-11	124	30	10	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	173
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	89	30	24	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	149
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	3	30	-5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Week 3: Mar 5-11	-80	30	-12	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	-53
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	88	80	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	208
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	90	-32	20	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	98
Week 3: Mar 5-11	95	105	15	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	235
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	3	1	4
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	3	1	4
Week 3: Mar 5-11	3	1	4

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	240	60	41	30	8	379
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	166	68	34	30	8	.	.	.	.	.	306
Week 3: Mar 5-11	120	56	87	30	8	.	.	.	.	.	301
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	564	20	7	-89	-92	.	.	.	.	.	410
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	491	20	8	-123	-49	.	.	.	.	.	347
Week 3: Mar 5-11	348	20	8	-185	-55	.	.	.	.	.	136
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	727	120	26	8	-390	.	.	.	.	.	491
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	558	120	-29	9	-309	.	.	.	.	.	349
Week 3: Mar 5-11	277	120	-96	10	-299	.	.	.	.	.	12
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	190	116	5	0	-178	.	.	.	.	.	133
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	211	19	5	0	-254	.	.	.	.	.	-19
Week 3: Mar 5-11	148	-141	5	0	-221	.	.	.	.	.	-209
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 19-25	7	1	8
Week 2: Feb 26-Mar 4	2	1	3
Week 3: Mar 5-11	1	1	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

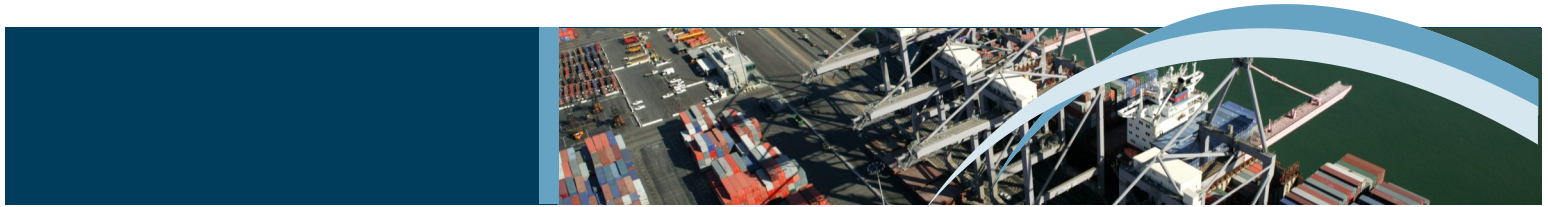
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
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 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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